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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Tories' Turn

THE Conservative Party's annual conference which opens today at Scarborough can be expected to provide a sharp contrast to last week's Socialist rally at Morecambe. There will be no clashing of personalities and no presence of a rebel group which made the Labour Party conference so explosive. The solid unity of the Tories concerning party leadership and fundamental policies is assured before the conference convenes. Moreover, the delegates have good reason to feel satisfied with the accomplishments of the Government, both in domestic and foreign affairs. No happier news could have been given them than the Chancellor of the Exchequer's progress report which discloses that Britain is emerging from the state of financial bankruptcy into which she had fallen a year ago; that she now enjoys a credit in the balance of payments; and that the Government's economic policies are proving to be effective as well as sound.

THE Conservatives can also gain quiet satisfaction from other notable achievements. Adoption of the Eden Plan at Strasbourg by the Council of Europe not only secured for Britain a new prestige, but is held to be a practical step forward towards unification in Western Europe. That the United States and Britain have also reached a reconciliation of ideas concerning the Middle East, defence plan reflects credit on the Government. And above all, under the inspiration of the Prime Minister, Britain has now placed herself among the world's leaders in the field of atomic research and achievement. The Monte Bello test has wiped out completely the stigma of British inferiority in the production of effective atomic weapons, giving Britain a new international status which the Conservatives, quite fairly, can claim is due to their leadership.

NEVERTHELESS, while the party conference can find plenty of opportunity for cheerfulness and satisfaction over what has been accomplished in the course of twelve months, there can be no sense of complacency over this year's reverses suffered in the county and municipal elections. The violent swing to the Left may not represent popular sentiment so far as the national Government is concerned, but the Tories cannot afford to underestimate the results of local elections. This is likely to be the only subject to produce a critical debate during the conference. Some of the rank and file feel that the Party's casual attitude to publicity and propaganda chiefly contributed to the election defeats in the Borough and Rural Councils. Certainly it was a development demanding the close attention of the Party, and it is probable that from this week's debate at Scarborough a new and more determined line of policy and action will emerge.

# Won't Trade Lives For An Armistice Declares Acheson EXPLAINS UN ACTION AT PANMUNJOM

Washington, Oct. 8.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said today the United Nations would not "trade in the lives of men" to gain an armistice in Korea.

In a prepared statement read to his weekly Press conference, Mr Acheson said the Korean truce talks were recessed but not terminated. "We have said and will continue to say that we shall not compromise on the principle that a prisoner should not be forced to return against his will. For us to weaken in our resolve would constitute an abandonment of the principles fundamental to this country and the United Nations."

"We shall not trade in the lives of men. We shall not forcibly deliver human beings into Communist hands."

## Monte Bello Test Vividly Described

Melbourne, Oct. 8.

Professor L. H. Martin, one of the Australian observers present 12 miles from the spot when Britain's first atomic weapon was tested last week, gave this description of the blast today.

It was an awe inspiring morning when the 400 or more people on board the aircraft carrier *Campdena* were ordered on deck and told what was going to happen, he told the Melbourne Sun News Pictorial.

Everyone was warned to face the opposite direction from the blast, which was to come 12 miles away.

Everyone knew a ball of fire at a temperature of millions of degrees would illuminate everything.

### THE COUNT

Then the count down began... Ten to go... Nine to go... Eight to go, and so on.

"At the moment of the explosion a place of paintwork on the deck near my feet was lit up with a brilliance many times greater than the brilliance of the Indian Ocean sun," he said. "We knew then it was safe to turn round and watch the great cloud mounting into the upper atmosphere. That night many mainframes were spliced."

Professor Martin of Melbourne University said the full results of the test would take several months to calculate. He believed it had been a "complete success."

"Ordnance men and others may get some comfort from knowing there are still plenty of specimens of life at the Monte Bellos," he said.

"We found there was plenty of interesting life there—life still is there."

"The atomic weapon is mighty powerful, but it is not an infinitely powerful weapon. We saw plenty of birds after the test,"—*Reuter*.

## LINER STICKS IN THAMES MUD

London, Oct. 8.

The 15,000-ton Shaw Savill passenger liner *Corinthia* was stuck fast in the Thames mud at Stoneness Point, opposite Greenwich, today.

She was returning empty from Rotterdam for London Docks.

It is hoped to refloat her tonight.—*Reuter*.

## Something To Gladden The Hearts Of Men

London, Oct. 8.

A permanent crease in trousers and "everlasting" socks which never get holes, can be made, from "terylene", a new British fabric, it was claimed at a press conference today.

A man dressed in "terylene" wore a cravatless and washable shirt, which can be washed and dried in an hour, ready to wear without ironing. The fabric is moth-proof and resistant to sunlight, and is stated to make ideal curtains.

"Terylene" was shown in trousers and pleated skirts still in shape and unshrunk in a tank of water, in materials varying from a net to rich brocade, in evening dresses,

underwear, gloves, fishing nets and whirling ropes. The Imperial Chemical Industries "terylene" development plan includes a £20,000,000 factory at Wilton, North Yorkshire.

Men's socks and women's dress materials will be ready in six months.

Showing thread "exceptionally strong" will be ready for the home dressmaker before Christmas.—*Reuter*.

## GAOLED FOR IGNORING ORDER

Morocco, Oct. 8.

A military court here today gaoled five Tunisians for six months here for ignoring notices calling upon them to guard telephone lines and other public property at night.

One of the sentences was suspended. All adult male Tunisians are liable to be called up as anti-aircraft guards under an order issued by the French military commander, General Pierre Garbay.—*Reuter*.

## REQUEST TO INDIA

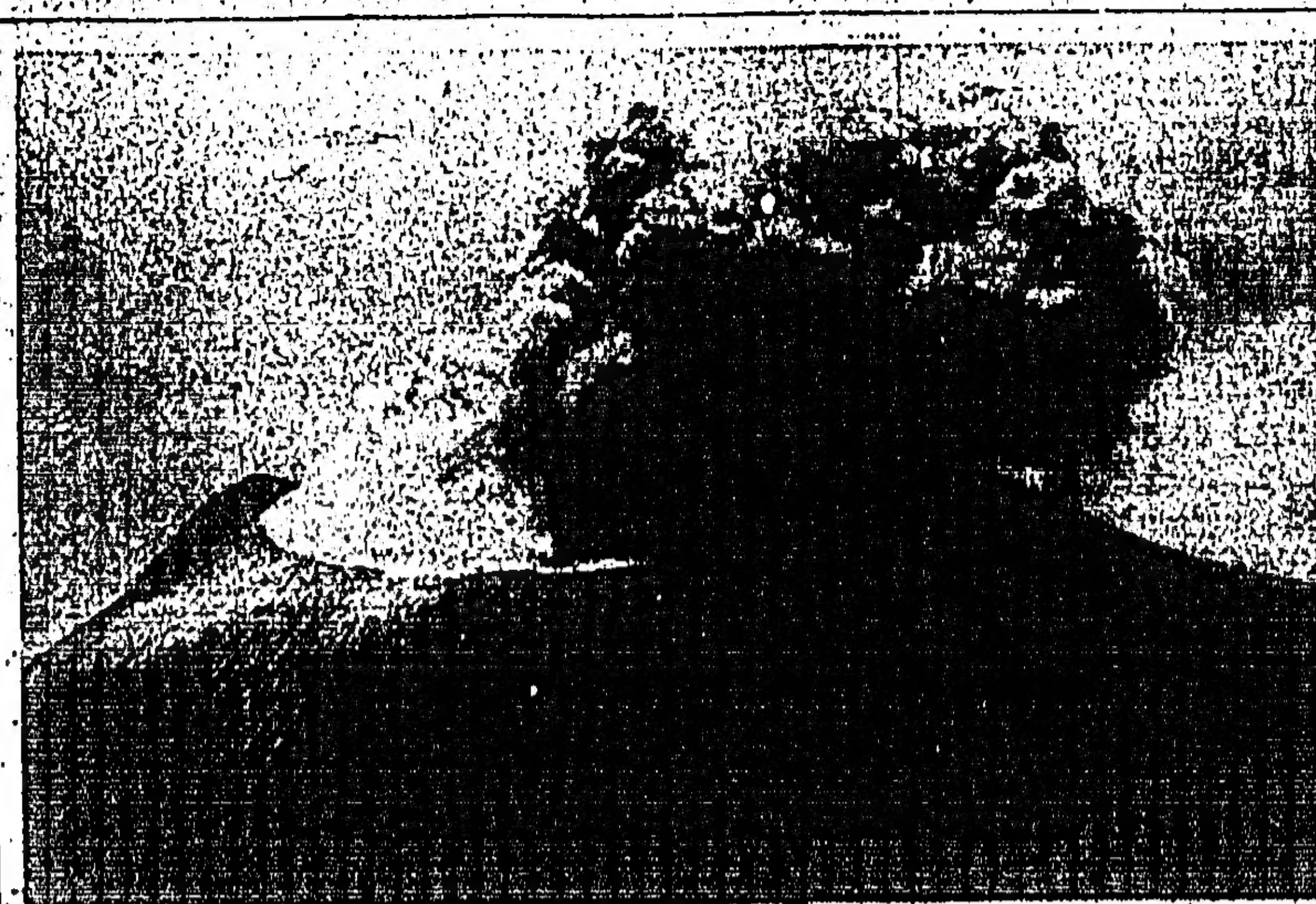
Colombo, Oct. 8.

The Ceylon Tea Propaganda Board, at an emergency meeting today, decided to ask India to reconsider its decision to leave the International Tea Market Expansion Board.

It also decided that it would continue to make full contribution to the Expansion Board for 1952-1953, despite India's withdrawal.

The Ceylon Board will review the situation at the end of the year. If India leaves then the Ceylon Board will decide whether to continue in the International Board or not.—*Reuter*.

# NAIROBI MAN HUNT



An impressive picture of the world's newest active volcano, the location of which is San Benedicto Island, 780 miles south of San Diego. It is believed that this volcano may have an underwater link with the Hawaiian Islands.—*London Express*.

## Sentenced To Death For Killing Wife

Odenburg, Oct. 8.

Battery Sergeant-Major Edward Smith, a British Regular Army soldier, was sentenced to death by a Court Martial here today for murdering his wife last July.

The court added a recommendation for mercy on the grounds that there was great provocation, though Smith's actions were not such as to reduce the sentence to manslaughter.

The sentence is subject to confirmation by the Commander-in-Chief, British Rhine Army. Smith admitted killing his wife after discovering that she had given him venereal disease, but pleaded not guilty to the murder charge.

The prosecution alleged that he struck his wife on the head with an axe and strangled her with a boot-lace. He said he had no recollection of how it happened.—*Reuter*.

## STOP PRESS

## Chinese Advance Over Their Dead

Tokyo, Oct. 8.

Fanatical Chinese troops swarmed over piles of their own dead to the crest of bloody White Horse Hill at dawn today and in a savage hand-to-hand fighting drove South Korean infantrymen from the peak for the eighth time in three days.

The Chinese assault, backed by tank fire and a thunderous artillery barrage that tore into their own advancing troops, climaxed the peak in the face of murderous machinegun and rifle fire and Allied artillery that mingled with their own bursting shells.

They reached the top at 6 a.m., swarming over the Chinese bodies, stacked like sandbags in front of the South Korean bunkers and trenches.

UP correspondent Warren Franklin reported from the Chonwon that the ROK Ninth Division, American tanks and artillery were locked in the biggest single battle of 1952 for the hill.

Both sides are bringing in thousands of troops, dozens of weeks' local butchers and soldiers, and regiments of artillery, he reported.—*United Press*.

## S. Korean Troops Hold Fast On White Horse Hill

Seoul, Oct. 9.

South Korean soldiers held fast on White Horse Hill last (Wednesday) night in the face of the greatest Communist attack in Korea in 17 months.

Several thousands of Chinese Reds were assaulting the two-mile-long hill mass northwest of Chonwon on the Western front in a limited offensive.

The South Koreans fought them on small ridges and valleys leading up to the crest of White Horse Hill. Allied guns pounded the Reds.

Dead of both sides littered the hill.

Troops of the Republic of Korea Ninth Division, fighting with bayonets, won back the highest point on White Horse Hill last night, but fighting continued below the crest.

A Chinese battalion of about 700 men which occupied the crest were chopped down by South Korean fire to a company of about 150.

The fighting was the heaviest since last autumn when General James A. Van Fleet's Eighth Army assaulted Heartbreak Ridge, Little Gibraltar and several other key positions in a series of limited offensives. It was the largest Red attack since May 1951, when the Communists launched their second spring offensive.

### NOT FULL OFFENSIVE

Gen. Van Fleet's press adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel McNamara of Los Angeles, said the General does not believe attacks which began three days ago on White Horse Hill and other positions along the 155-mile battle front was the start of a general Communist offensive.

A statement from Van Fleet announcing that all the Red assaults have been stopped without any penetration of the allies' main battle position was issued to the Press by Col. McNamara.

"This has been the first test of the Eighth Army's ability in many months and the test has proved once again the value of training, the superiority of the UN and ROK soldiers and our splendid teamwork and superior firepower," General Van Fleet said.

McNamara said General Van Fleet has long known the Reds have the capability of launching a general offensive but believes "they could not sustain the attack for any appreciable length of time."

Associated Press correspondent Milo Farnett reported from the Western front the crest of White Horse Hill—centre of a series of Red attacks which began on Monday night—changed hands for the 13th time by 10 o'clock last night when the ROKs regained control of the knob.—*Associated Press*.

### Housewives Win

Ubatuba, Brazil, Oct. 8.

Retail meat prices in this city (population 35,000) dropped 80 per cent today because of a consumers' strike. After housewives stayed away several weeks, local butchers decided they would have to sell for less or go out of business.—*United Press*.

## Mau Mau Assassins Sought

Nairobi, Oct. 8.

Police today seized a British-made car, which they believe was used by the African terrorists who assassinated Kikuyu chief-tain Waruhiu yesterday.

Armed police scoured the countryside around Nairobi today questioning tribesmen and searching suspects in one of the biggest manhunts in the colony.

Police Commissioner Michael O'Rourke said: "There is not the slightest doubt that the murder was committed by the Mau Mau."

The Government today decided to increase rewards from tomorrow, extending to the whole Kikuyu reserves of Kiambu on the outskirts of Nairobi. Reward for the capture and conviction of the killers mounted on the £100 sterling offered by the police last night to £200 sterling.

### MILITARY HONOURS

The tribal area of the 62-year old chief was in mourning today and arrangements were being made for an impressive ceremonial funeral tomorrow. He will be buried with full military honours.

Government administration officers met in an emergency session this morning and another emergency meeting is planned for tomorrow with the new Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, present.

The first attempt to outwit the witchcraft of the terrorist Mau Mau Society began today in the Manyika area.

The Mau Mau is the African secret society pledged to drive Europeans out of Kenya.

Today two Kikuyu chieftains, assisted by a witch doctor, began a three-day campaign to exorcise evil spirits from Kikuyu tribesmen who have taken or been forced to take the Mau Mau oath.

The oaths include passing naked through an arch seven times, while a Mau Mau priest circles the initiate's head with freshly killed meat.

But the authorities are carrying on with their own methods to track down the killers and are tightening their dragnet around the murder scene.—*Reuter*.

### To Choose Seretse Khama's Successor

Serowe, Oct. 8.

All the tribal chiefs or their representatives in Serowe decided unanimously today to hold a kootla (council) on November 10 to elect a new Batswana Chief in succession to the exiled Seretse Khama.

Serete was banished from the tribe by the British Government after his marriage to a white woman, London born Ruth Williams.—*Reuter*.

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**General Marshall Relaxing In Capri**



General George Marshall, former United States Secretary of State, has just arrived in England in the course of an extensive tour of European countries. Above he is seen (centre) relaxing in an outdoor restaurant at Capri. —Express Photo.

**Thought He Was Bewitched**

Durban, Oct. 8. Believing he had been bewitched by an acquaintance, a native of Pietermaritzburg, Natal, attacked the suspect with an axe and killed him.

When found guilty of murder with extenuating circumstances, the native told the Judge that the deceased had bewitched him and had caused a rash to break out on his face.

The accused was jailed for 12 years. —Associated Press.

**DE GAULLE OUTLINES NEW PLAN**

Paris, Oct. 8. General Charles de Gaulle today called for an inter-Allied sharing of the cost of the war in Indo-China, a federated Europe instead of "an imbric of pools" and a revision of the Atlantic Pact.

In a statement to the press, he outlined a financial, economic and social programme which observers here believed was an attempt to meet criticisms of too much Parliamentary rigidity which last summer led 30 of the 115 Gaullists to leave his French People's Rally.

General de Gaulle's programme included a systematic industrial and agricultural equipment programme, "more and better work" restriction on certain items of consumption and "the sharing of the cost of the war in Indo-China among the nations concerned."

He said the existing collective security reduced France to the role of "executing plans drawn up by others."

The business of Atlantic defence must be reviewed, so that it became a "real alliance, an effective protection and a guarantee of our sovereignty, notably in the Mediterranean," he said.

General de Gaulle called for the creation of a "real Europe, a confederation of States organized for defence, economy and culture."

"The community of Europe, which we are lending ourselves to make, is building up the hegemony of Germany by depriving us of our army, our coal and steel." —Reuter.

**Saying It With Music**

Vienna, Oct. 8. Vienna, city of music, has now introduced "musical sandwichmen" and musical street advertising.

The Vienna City Musical Association will give special patronised concerts under the style of sponsored radio, with placards and banners, advertising various firms or products. —Reuter.

**Demand For More Mission Workers In South Asia**

London, Oct. 8. Bishop B. C. Roberts, D.D., General Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, has returned to Britain after a 3½ months' goodwill tour of the Far East, including Malaya, Singapore, Hongkong and Japan.

Object of the trip was to carry the S.P.G.'s 250th anniversary greetings to branches of the Society in those territories.

Three resettlement areas in Malaya where Christian work is being undertaken were visited by Bishop Roberts during his tour. "Very solid foundations are being laid for the care of the people in these 'villages'," he said. "But we are up against many problems."

Foremost among these is the language difficulty. Many of the missionaries "now working in the resettlement areas have come from Northern China, where they learnt local Chinese dialects. 'Colloquial Malay' is particularly difficult to acquire," Bishop Roberts remarked.

Shortage of money and staff are two other urgent problems, he went on. "As far as money goes Malaya is for us one of the most difficult parts of the world to live in," he said. "and although we are receiving as much financial help as before the war, the value of money, of course, has changed."

**STAFF NEEDED**

Referring to the difficulty of recruiting staff in Malaya, Bishop Roberts pointed out that the S.P.G. is advertising at the moment for a doctor, nurse, and social worker to go out there.

"We would prefer a woman doctor, preferably with knowledge of tropical medicine," he said. "The job is an adventurous one, calling for hardiness and a real Christian spirit."

Living conditions in the resettlement areas would be "hard." There is no big hospital near the "villages" and staff would live at close quarters. A teacher is also required.

"The people in these areas are very simple," Bishop Roberts commented, "and some of them have to be taught from scratch how to read and write."

**TEMPLE'S SUPPORT**

The late Sir Henry Gurney was a keen supporter of this scheme to send social workers out to Malaya. His successor, General Sir Gerald Templer, continued that support and is giving his full co-operation to the scheme, said Bishop Roberts.

During his tour he had talked with General Templer, the Bishop remarked, "with high ideals for the welfare of the Malayan peoples and for the building-up of inter-communal life."

"General Templer is getting a grip of the situation," continued Bishop Roberts, "but it is going to be a long-drawn-out struggle." He thought the effect of the conflict on the economic situation, as witnessed by the fall in rubber prices, was "serious." In spite of this, he had found people in Malaya "reasonably confident."

**Garrison Church In Germany**

London, Oct. 8. A church recently built for the British Army Garrison at Holnau in the Hanover district of Germany will be dedicated to St. George on Sunday, November 10, the War Office announced.

The church is about half a mile from a cemetery containing the graves of Nazi victims of the Belsen Camp. —Reuter.

**Empire's Balance Of Payments Prospects**

Study In London

London, Oct. 8. Senior Commonwealth officials are now examining the Sterling Area's balance of payments prospects for the next year.

The officials are analyzing the report of a balance of payments statistical committee they had set up last month.

They are also discussing the 1953 balance of payments prospects of individual Commonwealth Sterling Area countries—Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Southern Rhodesia.

The officials, over 80 in number, began private talks here on September 22 to prepare for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' economic conference in London in November-December.

They have already completed the general examination of the Sterling Area's current financial position.

This overall analysis is understood to have covered the gold and dollar reserves position of the Sterling Area.

The officials have fully discussed the Sterling Area's relationships with the European Payments Union and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, and reviewed the pattern of Imperial Preferences.

Their talks are expected to conclude either later this week or early next week. —Reuter.

**Soviet Reply Countered By New Protest**

Stockholm, Oct. 8. Russia today replied to Sweden's protest of last August over the shooting down of Swedish planes over the Baltic.

But when the Soviet Ambassador, M. Constantin Rodionov, delivered the reply, the Swedish Foreign Minister countered by handing over a Swedish note on alleged Soviet spying.

Both notes will be published tomorrow. They deal with diplomatic exchanges which began with two Swedish protests.

Russia delivered on August 5, Sweden in one objected to Russia's refusing to allow the International Court to arbitrate on the loss of two unarmed Swedish Army planes shot at by Russian planes over the Baltic in June.

The other protested against alleged "espionage" by Soviet diplomats in Sweden arising out of the celebrated "Enbom case" in which a Swede was gaoled for life for spying.

Russia rejected the Swedish protest over the alleged spying on October 1. Today's Swedish note replies to this. —Reuter.

**Tariff Pact A "Sham"**

Leeds, Oct. 8. Mr. L. S. Amery, former Colonial Secretary and wartime Secretary for India, said in Leeds today that by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) the British Commonwealth forces of the Commonwealth to treat each other as foreigners.

If GATT were really carried out, Great Britain would be sunk definitely and finally.

Mr. Amery added: "GATT is largely a farce and a dishonest sham, but the serious aspect of it is that while it exists on paper there is no chance of anyone framing a really sustained, workable policy in the future." —Reuter.

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Same pictures. Same make-up. And same headlines, but beneath them West Berlin youngsters print anti-Communist news and views.

## WHICH IS THE COPY?

A copy of an anti-Communist propaganda newspaper considered by experts to be the nearest of its kind has just been brought to Britain from Berlin.

Above, you see part of the front pages of two papers.

The one on the left is printed in the Soviet sector.

Its object is to entice young Germans for service with the People's Police (the new Soviet-sponsored German Army).

The one on the right is published in the West sector of Berlin, and its object is the exact opposite.

### THEY FLED

The makers of the imitation newspaper are young men who fled from the Soviet sector.

So that people in the Soviet zone can read the paper without fear, they have copied the make-up and headlines.

But under the headlines they have inserted their own anti-Communist news items.

### ROCKET IDEA

This same group of West Berliners sends out rocket commands who fire leaflets from rockets at suitable targets such as factories and football crowds.

The commando plants his rocket in the ground, lights a slow fuse and walks away. Five minutes later, when he is well out of the way, whoosh! the rocket goes up, and bursts in the sky.

And down rain leaflets by the thousands on the target area.—London Express Service.

## Australia Warned On Lack Of Air Raid Precautions

Melbourne, Oct. 8.

Australian medical men and returned Servicemen's organisations are warning the people that Australia is totally unprepared to deal with any atom bomb attack.

They are urging the Federal Government to make plans to deal with the possibility of a "national catastrophe" — especially an atomic one.

They declared that if an atomic bomb were dropped on the city of Melbourne with its 1,500,000 population, on a working day, there would be at least 130,000 injured to look after and no trained medical staff to care for them.

The Australian Medical Congress has passed a resolution in which they seek Government co-operation in a plan to prepare against atom bomb attacks.

Major-General Sir Samuel Buxton, former Director of Australian Army Medical Services, told the Medical Congress that emergency hospitals should be earmarked now outside the city areas because main city hospitals would probably be damaged by the atom blast.

The doctors at the Congress resolved to urge the Government to:

Establish immediately blood bank stockpiles;  
Train civilians to handle burn and shock cases;  
Establish centres to treat injured people;

Stockpile drugs and other medical supplies;

Establish resuscitation centres.

**GREATEST PROBLEM**  
Sir Samuel Buxton said that an atomic explosion would cause a huge number of casualties in a matter of seconds. This was the greatest problem that would face Australia in atomic bomb attack.

"It cannot be too strongly stressed that the major problem which would confront us would be the handling of vast numbers of injured people, all incapacitated within a few minutes," he added.

"Quite apart from the damage to the main medical installations of the area and the casualties among doctors and other medical personnel, the situation would be beyond the medical resources of the community unless preparations are made now."

Other medical experts support Sir Samuel Buxton's recommendations for immediate preparations.

Colonel W. R. Reithausen of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, said that all members of the defence forces should be trained to treat burns.

### TRAINING FOR ALL

"If an army has to deal with mass casualties caused by burns, it should have stockpiles of serum and dressings," he said.

## DUCHESS AT ARMY HOSPITAL

Singapore, Oct. 8.

The Duchess of Kent, on the last day of her visit to Malaya, today toured Kinrara military hospital, near Kuala Lumpur, visiting every ward.

This evening the Duchess, who is on a month's tour of Southeast Asia, attended a reception at King's House, Kuala Lumpur, given in her honour by the High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Templer, and Lady Templer.

The Duchess and her son, the Duke of Kent, will leave Singapore for Borneo on Tuesday next.

A second accident occurred today in the armed convoy accompanying the Duchess on her tour when a Malay soldier, constable on a guard duty, was knocked down and killed by a convey vehicle on the Kuala Lumpur road.

The constable was facing a rubber estate that flanked the road through which the Duchess and her convey passed when he was hit by the car.

Thousands of armed police have been mobilised to guard the many miles of roads since Sunday when the Duchess arrived at the Federal capital.—Reuter and France-Press.

## SHIPTON NOT TO LEAD CLIMB

Odo, Oct. 8.

Mr Ernest Shipton, leader of the 1951 British reconnaissance expedition to Mount Everest, will not lead the British attempt to climb the mountain next year, according to the Oslo newspaper Aftenposten.

The newspaper quoted Mr Shipton as saying in an interview: "Nothing has yet been decided about the leadership of the expedition, but I am not the man."—Reuter.

## Sensational Series Of Poisonings

Sydney, Oct. 8.

Top ranking Sydney detectives were assigned today to track down a poisoner who is suspected of murdering four persons with a rare element, Thallium, and trying to kill at least two others since 1943.

The City's Criminal Investigation Branch pays out for the exhumation of the bodies of three persons who are believed to have died from the effects of the rare metal — a member of the aluminium family.

The fourth suspected victim was cremated before an autopsy could be made.

Crime reporters called the deaths the most sensational series of poisonings in Australian crime annals.—United Press.

## Race Problem Danger To The U.N.

Gladwyn Jebb Warns

Ottawa, Oct. 8.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Permanent British delegate to the United Nations, said here today that the race problem could wreck the United Nations.

Great statecraft would be needed to prevent racial emotions doing great damage to the United Nations and to the free world, from which only the Communists could benefit, he added.

Sir Gladwyn, who spoke at a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club, predicted that the U.N. "despite many vicissitudes" would continue to grow in the direction of the original ideal of collective security.

The last seven years, he said, had shown that the accomplishment of the main ideal of the U.N. was "much further off than most of us imagined."

At the moment and for the foreseeable future, he said, the racial problem was one of the toughest.

### OLD DAYS GONE

"It is no exaggeration to say that, if we are not careful, this problem may even wreck the whole concept of the United Nations," Sir Gladwyn said.

The industrialised powers should, by their conduct, try to make it clear to under-developed nations that the days of the arrogant race-conscious world have really disappeared, together with its "burden."

On the other hand, the under-developed countries should in fairness abate their suspicions and "if not abandon, at least modify, the policy of sticking needles into the representatives of the so-called Colonial powers who for the most part are adapting themselves willingly and constructively to the new situations which Western technique has itself created."—Reuter.

## Prison Conditions Relaxed

Bonn, Oct. 8.

The Soviet Union has agreed to let the seven top Nazi war criminals in the four-Power prison at Spandau, West Berlin, receive more light and more mail than the Western Allies announced today.

Proposals to relax restrictions on the seven prisoners were made by the Western High Commissioners last month on the request of the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

The prisoners will now be allowed to receive one visit of 30 minutes from their next of kin every month instead of one visit of 15 minutes every two months. They will also be allowed to write and receive one letter every week instead of every four weeks.

The seven prisoners have been held under close military guard at Spandau, in the Berlin sector of Berlin, ever since being sentenced by the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg in 1946.

The prisoners are Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess, Admiral Erich Raeder and Karl Doenitz, Youth leader Baldur von Schirach, Franz von Neurath, Ribbentrop's predecessor as head of the Reich Foreign Office, Albert Speer, Commissioner for Industry and War Production, and Hans Frank, Reich Minister of the Occupied Eastern Territories.—Reuter.

## France's Domestic Politics Play Part In Tunisia Situation

### OBSERVERS' VIEW OF PARIS STAND

Paris, Oct. 8.

Official French sources said that France warned the United States Ambassador, Mr James Dunn, in strong language today that it would not tolerate any meddling in its Tunisian and Moroccan affairs and would not recognise any United Nations intervention.

Both the French Foreign Ministry and members of Premier Antoine Pinay's own Party said France's position had been explained at an 80-minute session which was also attended by the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, and the Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven.

The American Embassy, apprised of these statements, said flatly that the North African matter had not been raised by either side at the morning's session.

"It was not discussed," insisted the official spokesman. Conflicting statements tended to confirm observers' opinion that the French Cabinet's decision yesterday to fight the competence of the United Nations to "interfere" in France's North African protectorates was intended mainly for internal political consumption and to strengthen the Government position against charges of weakness in its foreign dealings.

It was believed the Government was deliberately giving out tough-sounding views, such as that France might walk out of any Tunisian discussion in the United Nations, to scare some countries into softening their support of the Tunisian debate.

### AGAINST FRANCE

Others included Latin American countries, from where the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, M. Maurice Schumann, recently returned convinced that the South American nations were against France in the dispute.

Britain was reliably reported, however, to have told France through the French Ambassador in London, M. Rene Massigli, that France could count on British support.

M. Pinay emphasised that he would use normal diplomatic channels, at least for the time being, to attempt to convince the United States and other countries of France's legitimate opposition to United Nations consideration of what it considers a purely internal affair.

The Foreign Minister, M. Schuman, has said, meanwhile, that there is at present no intention of appealing directly to President Truman.—United Press.

## Explanation Demanded

Geneva, Oct. 8.

Britain, Australia and Southern Rhodesia are to be asked to explain why they have intensified their import restrictions since September of last year.

September 1951 was the date of the sixth session of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The seventh session is taking place in Geneva now.

GATT members today set up a working party to hear the explanations.

Chairman John Melander of Norway said today that the countries concerned would not be considered defendants, but would be considered plaintiffs.

It was generally agreed that the consultations should concentrate more on practical trade aspects than on financial aspects, he said.—Reuter.

## DESIGNER'S CRITICISM

Washington, Oct. 8.

Too many gadgets have seriously affected the combat efficiency of American military planes, according to Mr E. H. Heinemann, the designer of the world's fastest and highest-flying plane.

The gadgets make them too heavy, he says.

Mr Heinemann, chief engineer of the Douglas Aircraft Company's plant at El Segundo, California, told the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences last night that America was now obtaining fewer planes for the money available on account of the excess gadgets.—Reuter.

## Drama Of Missing Bomber

### Mystery Plane On Radar Screen

Tokyo, Oct. 8.

The Far East Air Force was today searching for one of its Superfortress bombers which may have been shot down by an unidentified aircraft near Russian territory shortly after midday yesterday.

An official statement said the aircraft was missing over Japanese territory off the northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido.

Japanese Press reports from a tiny Japanese-held island near the Russian-occupied Kuriles northeast of Japan said a Superfortress, trailing black smoke, was seen going down towards the open sea inside Russian territorial waters yesterday afternoon.

American amphibian and jet fighter planes searching today were handicapped by a 200-foot ceiling.

Air Force radar screens following the aircraft as a normal procedure picked up an unidentified plane in the same area.

Fifteen minutes later the two spots on the radar screens merged about 15 miles from the Russian border.

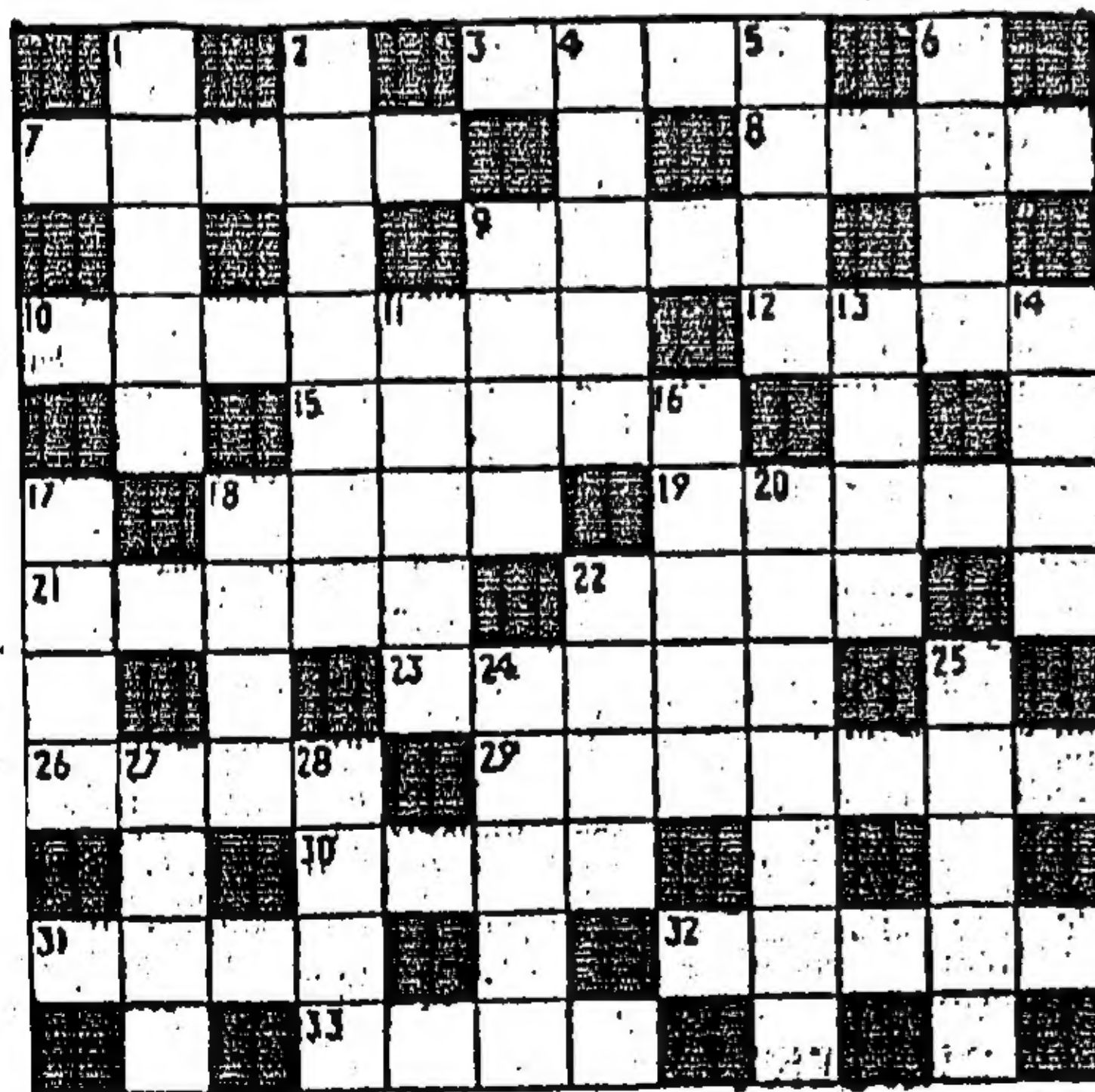
Shortly after both tracks had disappeared, a distress call in English was heard by Reuter. Then there was silence.—Reuter.

## Champion Blood Donor

Lisbon, Oct. 8.

The dean of Lisbon's blood donors is ex-policeman Antonio Francisco who, during his 12 years, has given 193 litres of blood in 1,018 transfusions. He has received two medals for his action.—Associated Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Present (4).
  - Candid (3).
  - Sign (4).
  - Legal case (4).
  - Mounted man in a bull-fight (7).
  - Garden pest (4).
  - Subunit to (5).
  - Fuel (4).
  - Scout (5).
  - Contestant (4).
  - Endurance (5).
  - Boys (4).
  - Inferred (7).
  - Deported (4).
  - Excuse (4).
  - First appearance (8).
  - Darling (4).
- DOWN**
- Feature (5).
  - Makes hostile advance into another's territory (7).
  - Accusation (5).
  - Small children (4).
  - Bill of fare (4).
  - Tender (4).
  - Distributed (5).
  - Blunder (4).
  - Seize (4).
  - Mad (5).
  - Trim (4).
  - Lessons (7).
  - Copied (4).
  - Proclamation (5).
  - Stage show (5).
  - Lazy (4).
  - Light blow (4).

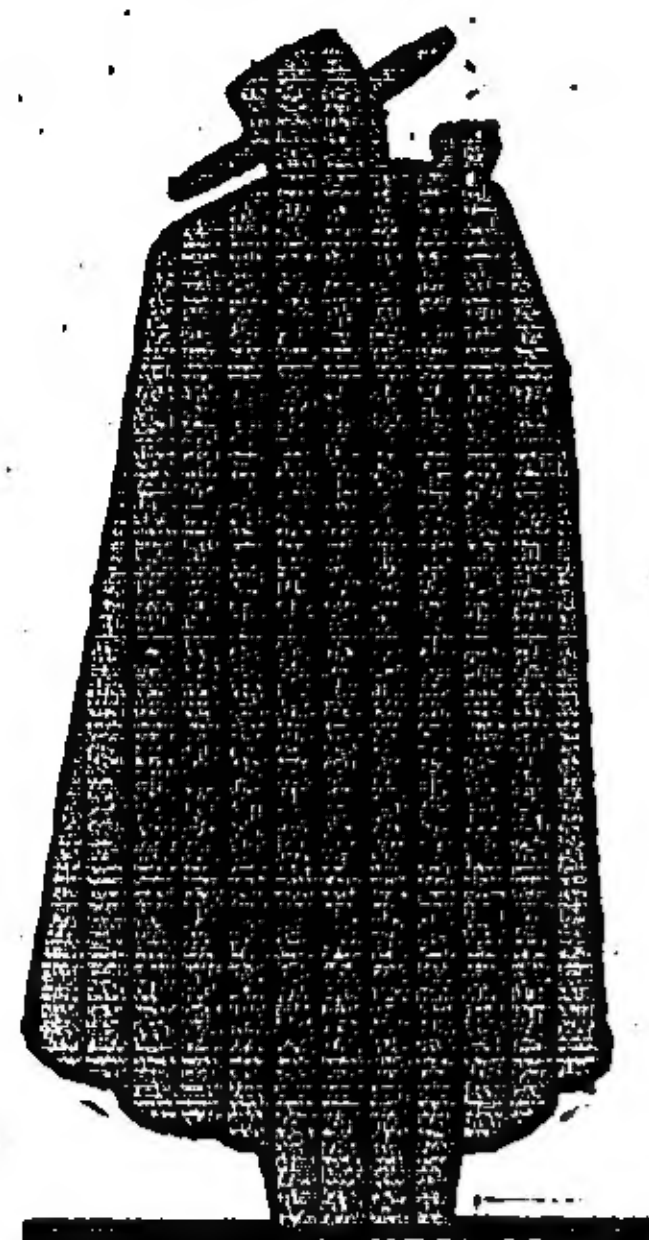
**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Forbid, 7. Raid, 9. Queen, 10. Boats, 11. Pats, 13. Revolution, 15. Bear, 16. Pace, 19. Protruding, 22. Dais, 24. Fleet, 25. Ugly, 26. Pale, 27. Silver, 28. Down, 2. Ovens, 3. Banal, 4. Deluge, 5. Proposed, 6. Lit, 8. Alump, 12. Scrag, 13. Rapid, 14. Overcast, 17. Split, 18. Status, 20. Mourn, 21. House, 23. Arm.

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## Congress Prances

EYE PERRICK

tries hard to find  
out what's going on  
at a highbrows-only  
junker run by Unesco

VENICE. The conference or congress is taking place in an old monastery on the tiny island of San Giorgio, which is in a lagoon, opposite St. Mark's Square.

A motor-boat, provided by the local officials, brings the 204 assorted delegates (42 nationalities and five different branches of art) to ten-minute intervals, throughout the day.

There is a certain tendency towards berets, sandals, corduroys, beards, and — among the women — fringes to be observed.

For the life of me, I cannot find out what is going on.

### SMILE, PLEASE

I asked playwright Benn Levy, one of the British delegates and vice-president of the committee on theatre. Mr Levy walked me round and round the cloisters, said he was not quite sure, but speaking for the drama section he thought that the main concern of the assembled body of intellectuals was the guarantee of the artists' freedom.

Freedom, I took it to be, from political suppression, State interference, censorship, and having to subordinate artistic integrity to the tastes of the Cash Customers.

### VETERAN

I THOUGHT poet Stephen Spender, veteran Unesco conference starter, would be bound to know what was going on. He said: "Indeed I do. I shunter me into a small room, hastily collected some duplicated documents from a table, introduced me to a white-haired, bright-eyed woman with 'She'll be able to tell you all about it' — and rushed off."

The woman who was going to tell me all broke into rapid French and ended with: "Come back tomorrow morning."

When I did she handed me some more papers. I tried painter Graham Sutherland. He grinned, admitted that the whole scale of operations was rather beyond him, that he was working much harder than he had thought he would have to, but he believed that the conference could ultimately be responsible for the foundation of an international association devoted to the interests—moral and financial—of artists, sculptors and architects.

### FIRST TIME

THORNTON WILDER, the US dramatist, having been elected general reporter to the assembly, scurried round the various committee rooms, picking up each scrap of argument, looking rather like Alice's White Rabbit with glasses.

"You must not ask me, you know," he said. "Until I present my final report I cannot say anything at all. One thing you must bear in mind — this is the first time in the history of the universe that painters and sculptors and writers and architects have ever got together."

DEGREES of importance of the Unesco boys and girls in the world of recognised culture can best be judged by the degree of alacrity with which the little photographer who stands at the foot of the main marble staircase rushes forward to flick his camera at the celebrities appear.

The photographs are popular. Delegates storm the display board each day to see if they can spot themselves in the group. And someone is doing a brisk trade in selling the pictures to them at 4s. to 6s., according to size.

Whatever is going on is going on in committees. A tier of rooms off the first-floor corridor echoes to a host of multi-lingual voices throwing words like "resolution," "counter resolution," "agenda," and "visual arts" around.

There is an artistic disregard for punctuality: meetings due to start at 2.30 seldom begin before three, and the participants are inclined to wander in at any time.

Another confusion about whether the delegates are entitled to two or three meals a day at Government expense (they are being maintained at 23 to 24 a day hotels) caused a sudden seeking out of the cheaper cafes by those who were faced with the possibility they might have to buy their own dinners.

However, that puzzle has been sorted out and the delegates are sitting up and taking full nourishment once more.

### CULTURAL

SPARE time cultural activities have not been overlooked. Each has been given a book of tickets entitling him to free admittance to the city's museums and art galleries and a 25 percent reduction for the theatre and opera.

Anyone wanting to sneak off and see Errol Flynn at the local cinema must pay full price.

FOOTNOTE. — Outside the pink and grey stone monastery, which incidentally is being renovated by the private patronage of Count Cini as a memorial to his son who was killed in a plane crash, stands an artist.

He has nothing to do with the Unesco conference — he is just a painter putting on canvas the view before him as thousands of other artists must have done — without all the honours of a 250,000 seven-day shindy.

## A YANK LOOKS AT THE NAVY

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NEW YORK. HANDSOMELY, the New York Times gives full marks to the Royal Navy for being right at the top in technical progress — and says the U.S. Navy can still learn some tricks from Britain's senior Service.

Harrison Baldwin, an ex-U.S. Navy officer and the New York Times military editor, rated the British tops after a visit to the carrier Eagle when exercise Malabar ended.

He writes: "black ties at dinner, rum punch, pomp and tradition have not hobbled technical progress."

"British naval aviation, long handicapped by subordination to the R.A.F., is making strides, and there is a good deal of the U.S. Navy could learn from H.M.S. Eagle."

He tells how Eagle made 25 knots in an Arctic gale while the U.S. carrier Midway was virtually motionless. Different construction is the reason. Eagle's steam-driven plane catapults, a British invention, are being adopted by the U.S.

On the other hand, Baldwin rates existing British carrier aircraft below U.S. carrier planes. He blames slow produc-

tion and says new aircraft are on the way.

ICE-CREAM from cow's milk is being challenged by a new rival, a synthetic frozen dessert made from soy beans and ground nuts. It tastes delicious, costs half as much, and comes in the favourite U.S. flavours—vanilla, chocolate, strawberry.

THE Government's Economic Stabiliser, Roger Putnam, and Mr Francis Cocke, head of the American Bankers' Association, predict that good business, full employment and a high level of industrial activity are assured. Putnam says this will last 18 months. Cautious banker Cocke limits his forecast to six months.

Labour Secretary Maurice Tobin reports unemployment at an all-time low. Dole claims are down to 697,200.

THE cricket season has closed in New York with a victory by Manhattan Paragons over the Staten Island Club. There are 4,000 players in 17



## ★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

### Oh, What a Week in Philadelphia!

I WAS told that Philadelphia was corrupt but contented, the sickest city in the land, the city suffering from an advanced case of machine politics.

I was also told (though this was hardly new) that it was the birthplace of American independence, the cradle of the constitution, the national shrine.

Actually, Philadelphia has turned out to be a peculiarly appropriate place in which to stay during the past week of the great soul-baring by the politicians and the great flood of tears from the public.

Philadelphia after 80-odd years of graft and corruption in their city government, would not ordinarily be expected to get too excited about the \$18,000 that the Vice-Presidential candidate, Senator Richard Nixon, had to explain away, or the political fund of Governor Adlai Stevenson.

### EXCITED

BUT they did get excited, and one week after trial by television of Nixon, the city is still throbbing. More palpitations are expected over Mr Eisenhower's book-keeping.

Even the fight mob which moved out after Rocky Marciano had demolished Jersey Joe Walcott had the balance-sheets of Nixon and Stevenson partly on its mind. And even the baseball crowd which moved in when the boxing enthusiasts departed has been talking almost as much about the dollars and cents of the election campaign as about the Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The past days are being described as among the most dramatic in the entire history of the United States. For an Englishman they have also been rather embarrassing. I did not see or hear Senator Nixon's performance, but I have read and re-read the speech.

I have read the irrelevancies about Nixon's father and mother, his wife, his children, his war record, his dog, his early struggles, the Irish origin of his wife, his fan-mail, his part in the Alger Hiss case.

Was all this markish demagoguery? Not many Philadelphians think so.

The room-clerk at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, where I have been staying, said to me: "I'll never forget this week; it brought tears to my eyes."

I said: "Yes, it was a great fight—it was sad to see old Jersey Joe go under."

The room-clerk, a young man built like a football player, said: "I'm talking about Senator Nixon's speech."

There is no doubt whatsoever that Senator Nixon's tremendous tear-jerker, his super-heartstrings-tugger, laid almost his entire audience in the aisles, weeping and wailing. And their eyes are not yet dry.

Nixon put on such a performance (next week "East Lynne") that he emerged a national Gaiety and idol. It was mob law which acquitted him, then crowned him.

Just now Nixon is riding so high that he is in a mood to tell General Eisenhower what to do and when to do it. Eisenhower himself emerges from the slinky Cecil B. DeMille drama uncertain—a man who first said he would make the decision on Nixon and then let the vast, weeping television audience bring in the verdict.

### WONDERING

THE Democrats have been swamped under this Niagara Falls of sentiment, and Governor Stevenson is on the defensive, wondering possibly whether an intelligent, literate, sophisticated man can swim in this swirling pool of tears.

What a fantastic week. It could only happen here. Now, of course, everyone is producing bank accounts, bonds, cheque books, postal orders, and the old shoe-box from under the bed.

I am relying on President Truman, who has begun his 15-day tour, to bring some hard-rock common sense into this aqueous campaign. And I am hopeful that Philadelphia and the rest of the country will be debating the issues and not wallowing in waves of emotion.

This is a handsome, impressive city despite all the terrible things said about its politicians, its police force, its slums, its maldistributed rivers and, of course, its corruption.

Actually, the wholesale swindling that went on in the ugly City Hall has decreased. Some time ago a group of public-spirited men formed the Greater Philadelphia Movement, which included Democrats, Republicans, Independents—bankers and union leaders and schoolteachers and clergymen.

Their aim was to "clean up Philadelphia, rebuild its morals and its buildings."

At first the aroused voters, who had heard of various street

times before, were sceptical, expecting another shake-down. Now most of Philadelphia's 3,000,000 inhabitants (half a million are Negroes) are grateful for the Greater Philadelphia Movement, which has made great strides. It has torn down slums, built schools, purged the police, and kept the grafters at bay.

Next to me on the subway, or underground railway, the other day was a young policeman with a gun on his hip and a tab on his shoulder which read, "Bandit Control." I said jocularly: "Been chasing any bandits lately?" He smiled: "Oh, they keep up fairly busy, but we have things under control. You had any trouble since you been here?" I said "None."

The crime wave has subsided and the corruption is crumbling. Philadelphia has a crusading mayor, Joseph Clark, who took office last year on a reform programme and threw out the Republicans, who had been there since the Civil War.

### CAUTIOUS

NEITHER Clark nor anyone else, however, is making any sweeping forecast about the Presidential election since the Nixon melodrama. The Philadelphia aristocrats, and most of their carbon copies, who live on the famed Main line, can, of course, be expected to vote Republican, as their grandfathers did before them. But even the Main line has changed greatly as a result of deaths, taxes, and the New Deal. The great estates built on the English model are shattered or being torn down. In their place are hundreds of neat, 215,000 houses.

In the centre of the city, which has a British stamp, with its narrow streets and old, handsome shops, there is a good deal of tearing down too. The Greater Philadelphia Movement obviously intends to keep moving.

Independence Square, which houses Independence Hall, home of the Liberty Bell, naturally is sacred. It is not unlike Lincoln's Inn, an oasis in the clangorous city.

Englishmen are welcome to inspect the room where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and signed. A guide showed me around and said: "That's where Thomas Jefferson sat."

### DILIGENT

MOST of the visitors are out-of-towners paying homage at the national shrine. The Philadelphians themselves are busy turning out every year 21,000,000,000 worth of textiles, steel, ships, railway engines, tyres, lorries, radios, gramophones, soap, electric batteries, pianos, cigars, roller bearings, pens, pencils, and magazines. Philadelphia resembles Birmingham as a city of a thousand-and-one trades.

Its people are polite, soft-voiced, hospitable. They resent the ceaseless drive about corruption, and point proudly to the reform movement.

I should like to call again when Moses Eisenhower, Stevenson, Nixon, and Eisenhower are not on everyone's minds.

## Row Over Girls For The Army

From MONICA DEHN

TEL-AVIV. ISRAEL'S devoutly religious girls have caused a government crisis in the new state. They want Premier Ben-Gurion to withdraw his decision to amend the military service law.

The aim of the amendment is to seal up the loophole which permits 18-year-old girls to evade their two-year period of conscription in the army if they can satisfy the five-man tribunal that they are strictly observant Jews.

Backing up the religious girls are the two political parties of the fanatically orthodox. These parties would like Israel to be a hundred percent clerical state. Their representatives in the coalition have resigned, taking Ben-Gurion's parliamentary majority with them.

Orthodox Israelis object to military service for women because they believe a girl's place is in the home, and that unmarried girls must never be alone with men who are not near relatives.

In Jerusalem's orthodox quarter, Mea Shearim (Hundred Gates), worried mothers were saying "they would rather die" than see their daughters in the Israel Army.

One woman—like all orthodox wives she wore a wig—summed up their attitude when she told me: "My two teenage daughters have been brought up as modest girls to wear long sleeves and thick woollen stockings, winter and summer, so no man can see their limbs. They have never been—God forbid they ever will go—to a cinema or a dance hall. They have never been in a cafe. Their marriages will be arranged through a marriage broker."

She added that she and her Austrian-born husband had refused to be Israeli citizens, although this had been their life-long dream while in Europe, just so as to be able to keep their children out of the Army and "uncontaminated with modern secular habits."

To back up their campaign to keep girls away from the soldiery, fanatics among orthodox Jews have already started a mud-slinging campaign against the Israel Army. Placards have appeared in Jerusalem accusing the Army authorities of using female conscripts for bad purposes.

Leaflets headed "The Shame and Scandal of Israel" are being distributed by young men with conventional Jewish side curls, who wear the long black coats and fur hats of the Polish ghettos. As they do so, they ask passersby: "Do you want your sister to live a life of sin?"

And mothers are told by their rabbis in the synagogues on Saturdays to keep their girls more carefully under their eye, "because the Army is kidnapping eighteen-year-olds."

But the smear campaign is unlikely to make Ben-Gurion change his mind, even if he has to go to the country on the issue. He is convinced that the majority of Israelis believe in the equality of the sexes—even on the battlefield.

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# New Parachutes Are Tested In Stratosphere Jumps.

Testing the latest experimental parachutes in jumps from the stratosphere, the new battleground of the air, has become as much a science these days as anything to do with jet age developments.

It is far from being just a matter of going up to 45,000 feet, stepping out of a plane, pulling the ripcord and waiting for the ground to arrive.

A British test parachutist, rigged out in his jumping equipment, does justice to the futuristic creations of comic-book strips.

On his head, he wears a white two-piece jet-age helmet,

which has been designed mainly by the Institute of Aviation Medicine.

An inner fabric helmet, sound-proofed with ear pads, carries the radio and oxygen masks.

The outer crash-type helmet, made of laminated nylon with synthetic resin binding,

Then, over the parachutist's face, there is an oxygen mask, linked to an instrument which counts his breathing rate.

He wears a two-piece cold-weather suit, fitted with special attachments to make sure he does not lose his trousers and boots when the canopy opens.

In a small box attached to the suit are the scientific recording instruments.

From the box runs a series of electric devices which note the jumper's pulse, respiration, skin temperature, the rate of gyration of the body, its rate of acceleration—and some six or seven other vital statistics.

On the wrist is an altimeter, recording height accurately to within a few feet during the fall.

The parachutist can also time the sequence of events with a stop-watch.

Last, but most important of all, are the two parachutes.

One, the newest, is of celanese material described as very strong but incredibly thin. It is packed in a special lightweight pack, and has a newly-designed shape which gives extra stability.

The harness is made of nylon. The parachute has a special barometric release for automatic opening, with an emergency manual override release.

On his chest, the jumper also carries the reserve pack, an ordinary 24-foot standard parachute, but without the small auxiliary canopy usually used to pull it out of its pack.

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## Cotton Crop

### Estimate

### Shows Increase

Washington, Oct. 8.

The Agriculture Department

today forecast the 1952 cotton

crop as 14,413,000 bales, up

524,000 bales or four per cent

from last month's estimate.

The October forecast com-

pared with 13,881,000 bales

estimated a month ago, 1951



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"SAINT MARCOUF"	Oct. 20	Oct. 22	Japan
"FEI HO"	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Japan
Homeward For			
"GRENABLE"	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	N. Africa & Europe
"FALASSE"	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	N. Africa & Europe
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Marseilles via Saigon
For passenger and freight			
For freight to Saigon, Algiers, Oran, Tanguer, Casablanca, Havre, Dunkirk, Antwerp & Rotterdam.			
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## Synthetic Fibre Claims Doubted By Wool Growers

New York, Oct. 8.

Another round in the battle of the fibres — wool versus synthetic — is under way in the U.S. A group of wool growers, charging that claims made for the half dozen new man-made fibres are inaccurate and misleading, asked the U.S. Government to investigate. The group challenged the assertion that the synthetics outperform wool, and outwear the animal fibre.

The American Wool Council also challenged the right of synthetic producers to use long-established, traditional wool names and terminology to describe their products. In filing the request for an investigation, Council President J. B. Wilson said his group "is not attacking in any way the actual service and wear qualities of clothing made of the synthetics. But, he said, it is asking the Government to 'use its powers to regulate the present campaign in which certain synthetic fibre producers and distributors make unfair comparisons of their products with wool, to the detriment of the public'."

Mr. Wilson said the purpose of such advertising "is apparently to diminish the confidence of the public in the known and accepted properties of wool in order to supplant wool with synthetic fibre replacements."

"In the avenues of trade," Mr. Wilson added, "comparison advertising such as is illustrated in many of these examples is regarded as being 'unfair and deceptive.'"

The group specifically challenged claims that one of the fibres, Dacron, is perspiration proof. In fact, it said, "perspiration or other moisture naturally in wool when it reaches a point less than

one per cent of the weight of the fibre." On the other hand, it said, wool absorbs up to 30 per cent of its weight before it is saturated. Wool, the group added, is "the most naturally water-protective of all fibres and fabrics."

Meanwhile another man-made fibre has entered the stiff competition along with Dacron, Orlon, Dynel, Acrilan, Vicara and K-51. It is the new fibre denier Saran fibre, which is said to be a potential threat to the supremacy of wool in the decorative fabric and carpet fields.

Saran yarns, the maker said, contain an inherent curl in the fibre which is indistinguishable from natural wool except under a microscope. This factor, the firm said, contributes hand, bulk and coverage to apparel and household fabrics. In addition, it said, Saran curled staple lends itself perfectly to processing on conventional woolen or worsted systems. Saran is made from petroleum and boric acid.

Another company, Mooreville Mills, has announced new suits for men made of orlon and rayon. A tropical weight will retail for \$68.75. Recently the big American Woolen Company announced it will make suits of orlon and wool.

## Japan's Admission To Pact On Tariffs Thought To Be Inevitable

## LITTLE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEMBERSHIP

London, Oct. 8.

Even the most vociferous advocates of a strengthened system of tariff preferences within the British Commonwealth now appear to have reconciled themselves to the eventual admission of Japan to GATT.

The strongly anti-GATT and pro-preference Empire Industries Association and British Empire League admit, in their monthly bulletin, that there is little argument that could be put against Japan's admission.

The fact that objections are taken to Japanese accession to the General Agreement, they say, is less a condemnation of Japan than of GATT itself.

## Canadian Granaries Overflow

## Wheat Piling Up Everywhere

Toronto, Oct. 8.

Wheat is overflowing in Canada's granaries.

It is piling up in empty farm-houses, skating rinks and village halls and even in improvised cribs of tar paper in the open fields.

There is enough to fill the goods trucks of a train 12,000 miles long; piled 50 feet deep, it would cover the road from London to Tunbridge Wells, 45 miles.

It would last everyone in Britain three years if every man, woman and child ate a pound of bread a day.

It has grown at the rate of 50 bushels an acre where 20 bushels are normally a good crop—and it is unusually high-grade.

The greatest ever total—1,250 million bushels—is worth \$715 million.

## FARMERS HAPPY

But experts say there is less than 300 million bushels of space left to store 1,000 million bushels of grain.

So farmers are storing wherever they can and the Board of Grain Commissioners is marshalling every railway truck it can find.

The farmers are happy. They have been guaranteed about 10s a bushel, as an initial payment.

It is the Government's worry to sell it at a profit, and the Government's concern as to whether or not there will be American foreign aid dollars to help other countries to buy it.—London Express Service.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$175,185.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSBC	10	1415	
HSBC (A)	10	1415	
HSBC (B)	10	1415	
HSBC (C)	10	1415	
HSBC (D)	10	1415	
HSBC (E)	10	1415	
HSBC (F)	10	1415	
HSBC (G)	10	1415	
HSBC (H)	10	1415	
HSBC (I)	10	1415	
HSBC (J)	10	1415	
HSBC (K)	10	1415	
HSBC (L)	10	1415	
HSBC (M)	10	1415	
HSBC (N)	10	1415	
HSBC (O)	10	1415	
HSBC (P)	10	1415	
HSBC (Q)	10	1415	
HSBC (R)	10	1415	
HSBC (S)	10	1415	
HSBC (T)	10	1415	
HSBC (U)	10	1415	
HSBC (V)	10	1415	
HSBC (W)	10	1415	
HSBC (X)	10	1415	
HSBC (Y)	10	1415	
HSBC (Z)	10	1415	

## Exchange Rates

Business done in the local market at the following rates:	
US dollar (per \$1)	82.2
British dollar (per £1)	18.3
Indian rupee (per 100)	34.20
Yen (per 100)	34.20
Malaya (per 100)	18.3
Philippines (per 100)	18.3
Indonesian (per 100)	18.3
Sumatra (per 100)	18.3
Java (per 100)	18.3
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## JAPANESE BONDS

Business done in the local market at the following rates:	
Japanese bonds (per 100)	80
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## Report On Tungsten And Molybdenum

London, Oct. 8.

The strategically important metals, tungsten and molybdenum, are still in short supply, according to a notice of the International Materials Conference published in Washington.

Both metals have been under international plans of distribution since July 1, 1951. Demands of consumer countries, increased defence and stockpiling requirements, however, are in excess of production.

As a result, the Conference calls on all countries of the Free World to do their utmost to implement their recommendations for the distribution of the metals and give every attention to the measures recommended by the tungsten-molybdenum committee of the Conference.

The committee's plans provide for the distribution of the whole Free World's production of both metals, both in the form of ores and concentrates and primary products.

Production of tungsten in the Free World during the fourth quarter of 1952, is estimated at 4,957 metric tons metal content, or more than double the rate of supply in 1950.

## PORTUGAL FIRST

Molybdenum production for the same period is estimated at 5,880 tons, or over 50 per cent above the 1950 supply rate.

Africa's export quota of tungsten ores and concentrates for the fourth quarter of 1952 has been fixed at 195 tons.

Portugal is the biggest single exporting country, with a quota of 700 tons. Bolivia follows, with 600 tons. The Asian countries, listed as a group, have a quota of 825 tons. The United States is the biggest importer, with a quota of 1,920 tons, followed by the United Kingdom, with 1,080 tons.

Chile is shown as the biggest exporter of molybdenum ores and concentrates with a quota of 671 tons, followed by the United States with 522 tons. The United Kingdom is the biggest importer with 450 tons, followed by France, with 300 tons.—London Express Service.

## WANTS TO REDUCE TRADE BAR

Ottawa, Oct. 8.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Douglas Abbott, said tonight that Canada would press for fewer import restrictions at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London next month.

Mr. Abbott told the annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade: "A great many countries, many of them traditional markets for Canadian products, are still attempting to solve their balance of payment difficulties by maintaining and increasing import restrictions, exchange controls and the like."

"We believe," he said, "that measures of this kind hold out no hope of a permanent solution to these difficulties."

These questions would be one of the main subjects for discussion at the conference, he said.

"We shall do everything in our power to further the objectives which we have had constantly before us since the end of the war."

These objectives were to "do everything in our power to keep channels of world commerce as free as possible."

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, Oct. 8.

Let by rails and oil prices on the Stock Exchange had one of the best days of some time in its history. The volume of trading, which had been the best since July 24, while sales registered the best gain since September 23, although profit-taking shaved off prices slightly near the close.

Oil claims raised to 2 points. Steel finished 1 point improved. Dow Jones averaged 271.40. 30 Industrials 100.81. 20 rails 100.81. 35 utilities 90.18. 40 bonds 90.18.—United Press.

## Export Drive By Formosa

Taipei, Oct. 8.

The Chinese Nationalist Provincial Government authorities are reported to be considering plans for increasing the amount of native products available for export.

"Reason" is that Formosa is experiencing a serious "export stalemate"—Reuters.

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Oct. 8.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	74 1/2
December	74 1/2
January	74 1/2
Number 2 rubber	
November	61 1/2
Number 3 rubber	
November	60 1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached	60 1/2
Blanket crepe	59 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	59 1/2

## NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Oct. 8.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 5 to 45 points higher with sales totalling 77 contracts. A steady undertone prevailed in line with the higher primary market trend.

There was largely between dealers with factory interest in the spot market routine.

Prices closed today as follows:—

October	22.50 nominal
November	22.50
December	22.50 bid
January (1953)	22.50 nominal
February	22.50
March	22.50
April	22.50 nominal
May	22.50
June	22.50 nominal
July	22.50
August	22.50
September	22.50
October	22.50
November	22.50
December	22.50
Spot	22.50

## LONDON MARKET

London, Oct. 8.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in peace	21 1/2
per lb.	21 1/2
November	21 1/2
January	21 1/2
January/March	21 1/2
April/June	21 1/2
July/September	21 1/2

## Planning To Develop Industries

Taipei, Oct. 8.

The Taiwan Machine Works Association has prepared a 10-year plan for the development of machine industries under the Chinese Nationalist industrialization programme for Formosa, according to the Chairman of the Union of Machine Industries, Mr. Lin Ting-sheng.

The plan required a total capital of 250,000 United States dollars and would increase industrial employment to 100,000 from 20,000, he said.

"Products from the development would include electrical instruments, railway tools, textile machines, electric motors and generators, trucks, plants, locomotives."

The association was reported to be interviewing American officials seeking support for its project.—Reuters.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Oct. 8.

The tin market was steady. Turnover was 121 tons. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	100.81
Spot tin, sellers	100.81
Business done at	100.81
Settlement	100.81

## ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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"TJIBADANE" Oct. 16 Japan	
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"VAN HEUTZ" Oct. 22 Japan	
"TASMAN" Oct. 23 Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"MAETSUYCKER" Oct. 25 Singapore, Djakarta & Fremantle	
"RUY" Nov. 1 Japan	
"TJIBADANE" Nov. 2 Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
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## ARRIVALS From

From	Arrivals
"STRAAT MALAKKA" In Port Japan	
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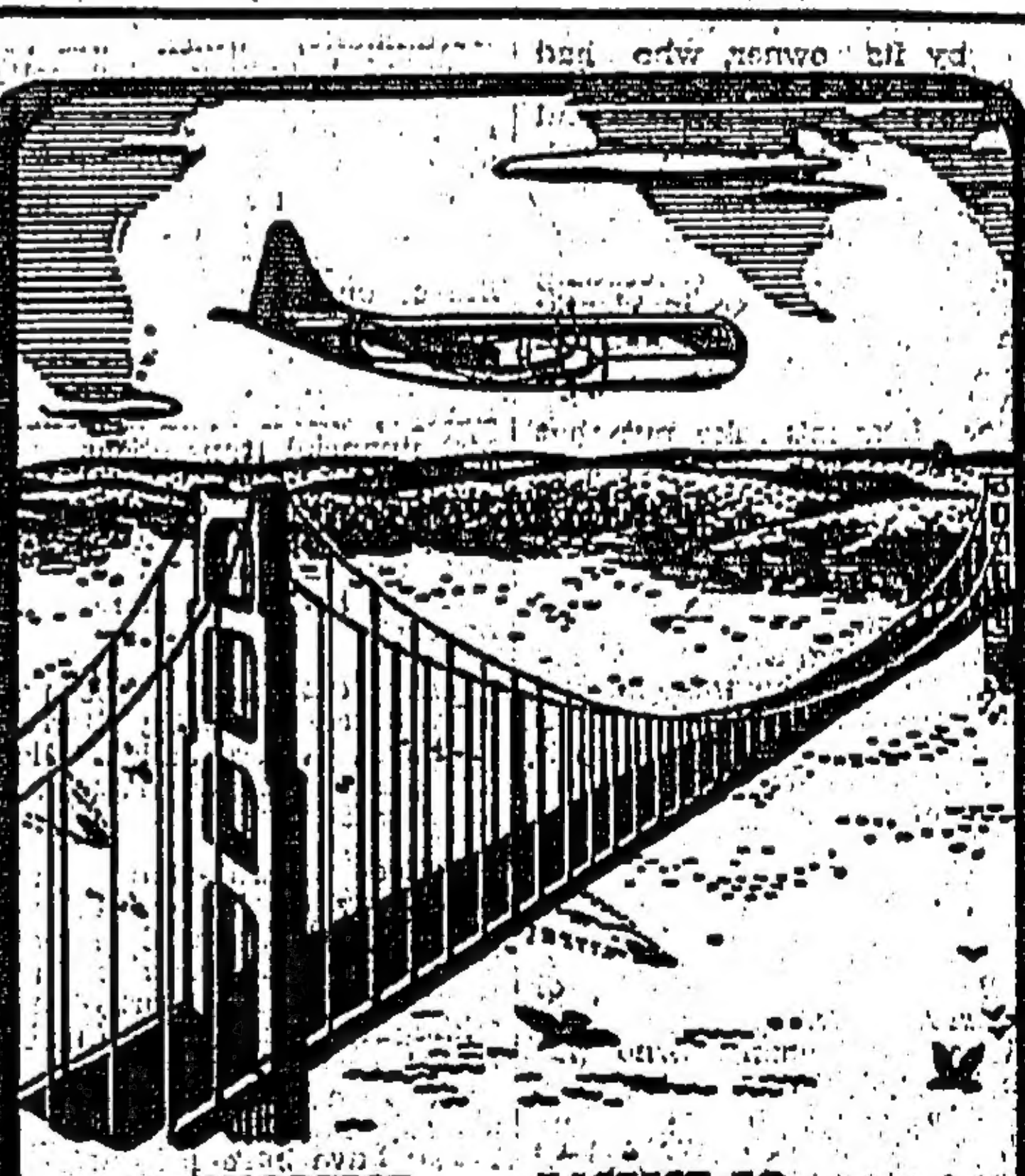
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